

Remarks

Claim 45 has been amended. Claims 21-40 have been canceled. New claims 46-57 have been added. Therefore, claims 41-57 are now presented for examination.

In a Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2004, claims 41-45, claims 21, 22, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hollander et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,347,388 B1), in view of Bauman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,716). Further, claims 23, 24, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollander in view of Bauman as applied in claims 22 and 32 in view of Hayes (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,266). In addition, claims 25-30 and 36-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollander in view of Bauman as applied in claims 24 and 34 in view of Hayes and further in view of Miller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,175,948).

Applicants submit that the above rejections have been obviated by the cancellation of claims 21-40. Further, applicants submit that new claims 46-57 are patentable in view of the rejections. In the Final Office Action, claims 41-45 have been allowed. New claims 46-57 include features similar to those recited in 41-55. Therefore, claims 46-57 are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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